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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 31, 2003, Applicant calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,456,441 to HOSHI, which issued on September 24, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 5,363,242 to YOKOTA, which issued on November 8, 1994; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-27167, which was published on February 5, 1993, together with an English language translation of the same.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the above-noted U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested

to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby gives authorization to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

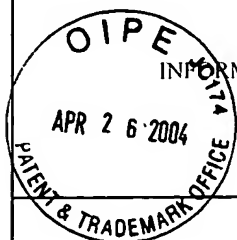
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